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In re Application of:)
Takayuki TSUKIMOTO et al.)
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VIBRATION WAVE DRIVING)
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, as well as English-language Abstracts therefor, are also enclosed.

Applicants certify under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that JP 4-91671 and JP 6-178561 were first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Specifically, these documents were first cited in a Korean Official Letter dated March 26, 2004, in a corresponding Korean patent application. A copy of the Official Letter that issued on that related application is enclosed.

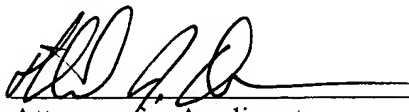
Japanese patent document number 4-91671 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,436,522, which is already of record. Japanese patent document number 6-178561 corresponds to U.S. patent number 5,646,469, which is also already of record.

Accompanying this paper is a check for \$180.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d) and §1.17(p). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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		4-91671	03//25/1992	Japan			Abstract		
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		Korean Office Action mailed March 26, 2004, in corresponding Korean Application No. 10-2002-0003487.							
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